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# Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

## Inpatient Hospitals

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### Interim Claims

Effective for inpatient claims with first date of service October 1, 2008, interim billing will be allowed for any stays equal to or greater than 30 days. A set amount will be paid for each inpatient day in the amount of \$400 with the final adjusted claim paid by APR-DRG.

Bill type 112 and 113 with patient status 30 will be used for the interim claims. Bill types 114 and 115 will not be permitted.

Prior authorization from Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation (MPQHF) will be required on each interim claim. Each interim claim must be equal to or greater than 30 days.

Once the patient has been discharged, we will accept a claim for the entire stay. We will require a claim credit to be filed for each interim claim prior to reimbursement for the entire stay. The final claim should be billed for admit to discharge with a bill type of 111. No prior authorization number is required for the adjusted final bill, unless authorization is required for another reason (i.e. mental health).

Interim claims are not required. You may wait until the patient is discharged, then file one claim for all charges.

### Contact Information

For interim billing authorization:

**MPQHF, Prior Authorization, Transplant and Utilization Review**  
**(800) 262-1545 X5850 In- and out-of-state**  
**(406) 443-4020 X5850 Helena**

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

**Provider Relations toll-free in- and out-of-state: 1-800-624-3958**  
**Helena: (406) 442-1837**  
**E-mail: MTPRHelpdesk@ACS-inc.com**

Visit the Provider Information website:

**<http://www.mtmedicaid.org>**